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Fee Fee Fee Fee Description Fee Paid	1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
Code (\$) Code (\$) 1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee	1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee	1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee	1402	330	2402		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
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SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00	1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE	1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
Extra Claims below Fee Paid	1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
Independent III 20 - III 7	1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
Claims	1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3 1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	4040	770	0040	-005	(37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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